

AGENDA ITEM

JULY 164

Return from Public Comment -
Rules and Regulations, Article V.
Meetings of the State Bar,
Section 1. Annual Meeting

DATE: June 12, 2008

TO: Members of the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations
Members of the Board of Governors

FROM: Pam Wilson, Director, Section Education & Meeting Services

SUBJECT: Return from Public Comment - Amendment to Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California, Article V. Meetings of the State Bar, Section 1. Annual Meeting

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BACKGROUND: The location for a meeting the size of the State Bar Annual Meeting should be determined at least five years in advance. The Annual Meeting is currently booked through 2011.

Only four California cities can logistically accommodate the Annual Meeting given the ratio of meeting rooms required to sleeping rooms utilized. Those cities are Monterey, Long Beach, Anaheim and San Diego. Los Angeles and San Francisco pose certain logistical obstacles that make them unworkable as an Annual Meeting destination.

In May the Stakeholder Relations Committee approved the Annual Meeting Task Force recommendation to send out for public comment a rule change permitting the Board to consider the option of adding an out of state destination into the rotation for the Annual Meeting.

REPORT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED:

The public comment period does not end until July 9. A total of four comments have been received to date with two opposed to the resolution; one is in favor; and one remaining neutral. Copies of these responses including those received by the July 9 deadline will be distributed at the meeting.

FISCAL AND PERSONNEL IMPACT:

Adopting the change in the rules will have no fiscal or personnel impact. At such time as any decision is made about a change of location for the Annual Meeting, the cost will be thoroughly examined.

BOARD BOOK / ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL IMPACT:

NONE

RULE AMENDMENTS IMPACT:

Should a resolution pass, amendment to Article V. Meetings of the State Bar, Section 1. Annual Meeting would require revision.

PROPOSED BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Should the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations wish to proceed with the rule change following consideration of the public comments, the following resolution would be in order:

RESOLVED, following the public comment period and consideration of comments received, that the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations recommends that the Board of Governors amend Article V. Meeting of the State Bar, Section 1. Annual Meeting, as below.

Should the Board of Governors concur with the recommendation of the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations, the following resolution would be in order:

RESOLVED, following the public comment period and consideration of comments received, and upon recommendation of the Board Committee on Stakeholder Relations, the Board of Governors hereby amends Article V. Meeting of the State Bar, Section 1. Annual Meeting, as follows:

Proposed Amendment to

Rules and Regulations of the State Bar of California

Article V. Meetings of the State Bar

Section 1. Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the State Bar shall be held between May 1st and December 1st of each year, ~~at any place within the State of California~~; the exact date and place to be determined by the Board of Governors, made at least 60 days prior to the date of such annual meetings; provided, however, that during war or other national emergency the determination of the exact date and place of the annual meeting may be made by the board at any time which is at least 20 days prior to the date of such annual meeting. Any proposal to hold an Annual Meeting out of the State of California must be approved by the Board of Governors.